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RESIDENTIAL FIRE 1025 Lagrange Avenue

MEMPHIS, TN - The Memphis Fire Department responded to a vacant house fire at 1025 Lagrange Avenue, Friday, April 16, 2021 at 4:26 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the one-story wood frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Fourteen (14) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty (30) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief C. Burton was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 4:48 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

The vacant structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$4,500.00 structure and \$2,000.00 contents. The adjacent home (1019 Lagrange) sustained \$5,000.00 exterior damage. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be intentionally set in the rear bedroom. This fire is still under investigation.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 528-CASH (2274) or the State Arson Hotline at 1-800-762-3017. You could be eligible to receive a cash reward from Crime Stoppers of Memphis and Shelby County, Inc.

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/ or contact the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY issues please dial (901) 458-8281.